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In late July, CHANG T'ieh-sheng, chairman of the Hong Kong Executive Committee of the Chinese Communist South China Bureau¹ formed an international policy team to study the developments of the peace talks. A summary of the analysis regarding the Kaesong meetings is as follows:²

a. The Chinese Communist government has openly declared its willingness to direct peace negotiations in response to Lalik's peace call. If the American imperialists are not sincere in wanting peace, the people of China will support their army's efforts at the front with more enthusiasm.

b. The Chinese Communist government realizes that the American imperialists will not make any concession at the Kaesong meetings. On the other hand, Chinese and Korean troops have gained time during the peace talks to strengthen their front lines and complete their troop dispositions. When the peace talks are cut off, the Chinese Communists and Koreans will launch an all-out offensive; a victory will be guaranteed.

c. Because the American imperialists refused to withdraw their troops, the Chinese and Korean delegates are to make limited concessions only. However, since all foreign troops must withdraw in principle, amendments were made by the Chinese to effect several withdrawals instead of a single withdrawal. The American imperialists have not accepted this either. It has been proven clearly that the Americans do not want the peace talks to succeed. During the peace talks, they sent airplanes to bomb Manchuria, and Acheson refused to withdraw U.S. troops. The Sino-Korean delegation will do its best for the cause of peace, but if the peace talks fail, the Chinese and Koreans will launch a new offensive.

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d. China does not want to use the major part of its forces on the Korean battle lines. If the Korean problem drags on until the signing of the Japanese Peace Treaty in September, more troops will be mustered to liberate Taiwan. If the American imperialists do not want to make concessions, then the war will expand this autumn, thus a general war will be precipitated.

1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] and referenced reports.

2. [REDACTED] Comment. It is not clear whether the team made the analysis or whether CHANG presented an analysis given him by a higher echelon of the Chinese Communist Party.

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